

## You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church "home"; in either case, we are grateful for your presence today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone — without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ's life, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.

**If you are new to us,** stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church "home."** 

## **Worshiping in Person at Fourth Church**

Each summer Sunday our worshiping body—which is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews—gathers at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Entering the building**

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. There is an entrance without steps that leads to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (next to the courtyard). There are also two fully accessible entrances: one at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and one at 115 E. Delaware.

#### Sound

- Worship can be heard through "T" or "T-coil" settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

#### **Parking**

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton) at the rate of \$10 for 6 hours (and \$20 for up to 12 hours) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut) for \$10 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

## **Worshiping Online**

#### Livestream

We livestream the worship service each Sunday on our YouTube channel—bit.ly/fpcvideos—which is also accessible from the home page of our website: fourthchurch.org

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service has begun. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

#### **Online extras**

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (after exiting full screen) as well as on our website.

#### For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

## **Podcast**

Podcast offerings from Fourth Church—available on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts—include the Sunday worship service and sermon; weekly "Rhythm and Word" reflections; and "Bible Top Ten."

## Notes for Tom and Carol Are

#### **Messages for Tom and Carol**

On June 15 we celebrated Tom Are's final Sunday with us as Interim Pastor.

Through this Monday, June 30 we are collecting messages of gratitude and well-wishes to Tom and Carol in their retirement. You can add to that collection by emailing your note to amacdonna@fourthchurch.org and putting "Tom Are" in the subject line.

You can also mail an envelope, addressing it to Tom Are c/o Allison MacDonna at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60611.

## **Gifts honoring Tom's ministry**

To recognize his ministry among us, gifts honoring Tom will be used to support expanding opportunities for our digital ministry. They can be given online (fourthchurch.org/give) or by check (payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church, noting "Digital Ministry" in the memo line).

## Let Us Know You're Here!

We are grateful to be worshiping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

#### In person

Those worshiping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

#### Online

Those worshiping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (after *exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the "Welcome" that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

## Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on either Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (register at bit.ly/inquirers82025) or in person on Sunday, September 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers92025).

For more information, contact Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org), Senior Associate Pastor, who would welcome hearing from you!

## Welcoming Camille Cook Howe: Sept. 21

With Tom Are's retirement, our summer is a period of transition as we prepare to welcome the Reverend Dr. Camille Cook Howe as our next Pastor.

Be sure to mark Sunday, September 21 on your calendar, as that will be the day when Camille preaches and leads us in worship for the first time.

Sunday, October 19 will also be a special day in our relationship with Camille: she will be officially installed as Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago during the 9:30 a.m. service that morning. Please plan to be with us to celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our congregation!

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## **Connections and Belonging**

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

## **In-Person Coffee Hour**

If you are worshiping with us in person, we invite you to stop by Anderson Hall and the Commons after the service for our weekly Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

As part of today's Pride Sunday Coffee Hour, we also encourage you to browse the Pride resources and information available at the Coffee Hour tables along with the slideshow celebrating Fourth Church families.

## **Online Coffee Hour**

If you are worshiping with us via livestream, we would be delighted if you would also join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our online Coffee Hour. We gather via Zoom at 11:00 a.m., following the livestream of worship, for a time of fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourfpc; passcode: 676359

## **Connecting Online**

Whether you are traveling this summer, live out of town, or have difficulty getting to Fourth Church, we invite you to explore our wide variety of ways to connect online with one another and Fourth Church, many of which are details in these pages. Browse fourthchurch.org/online/connections to learn more.

#### You're Invited to Two Picnics!

Mark Sundays, July 13 and August 10 on your calendar and plan to join us in Anderson Hall for a congregational picnic following worship.

## News, Updates, and Snapshots

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news

## **Get Connected**

#### **Chicago Exchange Japanese Fellowship**

All are invited to a time of fellowship with Chicago's Japanese community today at 11:30 a.m. in the Manse.

#### **Knitting and Crocheting**

Knitting and Crocheting, which supplies partners in the city with handcrafted items for warmth and comfort, meets this Tuesday, July 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 4D.

#### Women at Fourth's Paint-and-Sip

Women are invited to "Paint-n-Sip," hosted by Women at Fourth on Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. There will be refreshments and professional instruction in painting a one-of-a-kind "masterpiece." Registration is required at bit.ly/waf20256

## Summer with Center for Life and Learning

The Center for Life and Learning will kick off its summer session of programming for adults sixty and over on Monday, July 7. The summer offerings include exercises classes, meditation, improv, current events, movies, and more. See fourthchurch.org/cll for details.

## **Caring for One Another**

#### Pastoral care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@ fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

#### **Stephen Ministry**

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we invite you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To learn more about this resource, contact Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org), or to request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.



## **Community Engagements and Partnerships**

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

## **Today Is Pride Sunday!**

#### **Celebrating Pride**

Today we celebrate Pride Sunday at Fourth Church, a day when we give special emphasis to our belief that members of the LGBTQIA+ community are children of God and, as such, an important part of our Fourth Church family.

As we strive to be a truly inclusive church, extending God's welcome to everyone, we are committed to ensuring that members of the LGBTQIA+ community know that they are fully seen, accepted, and loved.

## **Bearing public witness**

To bear public witness to God's love for all and our commitment to radical hospitality, representatives from Fourth Church are walking in today's Chicago Pride Parade along with fellow members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches.

In addition, the front of the church is decorated with ribbons that highlight the two important June celebrations of Pride Month and Juneteenth. These decorations boldly proclaiming to all passersby our Christian values and God's inclusive love of all.

The front steps of the Sanctuary are flanked by the traditional rainbow colors of Pride; in between, the pink, blue, and white ribbons are tied in the style of the Transgender Pride flag; and Juneteenth is represented by the red and blue ribbons and flags.

#### **Peace Walks in Auburn Gresham**

The Mission and Justice Committee invites you to join them in taking part in the Peace Walks of the St. Sabina Parish in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood. We'll be walking on Fridays, July 11 and August 1 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up at bit.ly/peacewalks2025, or for details, contact Nancy (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

#### **Summer Blood Drive**

The next Center for Life and Learning blood drive, hosted in conjunction with the office of the 42nd Ward, will be Saturday, July 12 in Borwell Dining Room between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For appointments register at bit.ly/blooddrive20257; walk-ins also welcome.

## "Repairing Historical Harms"

This year's Paul Galloway Lecture will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel and via Zoom. To attend, register at bit.ly/galloway25

The 2025 speaker, the Reverend Jermaine Ross-Allam—a Presbyterian minister, social ethicist, and scholar—will talk about "Repairing Historical Harms," as we further understanding of the Christian church's role in creating and perpetuating transgenerational injustice. Acknowledging complicity and responsibility in past actions and inactions, we pave the way for healing, reconciliation, and positive change in us and in our communities.

## **Volunteering with Meals Ministry**

Fourth Church Meals Ministry has openings for volunteers to serve between July 1 and September 30. You can sign up for them at bit.ly/fpcvolunteers; please sign up for no more than two roles per program per month so as to allow opportunities for all who want to support Meals Ministry in this way. For more information, contact Mike Usiak (musiak@fourthchurch.org), Meals Ministry Manager.

## Art Exhibition in the Loggia

The summer art exhibition in our Loggia Gallery features works by Charlene Moy, a Chicago-based Chinese American artist who assembles and weaves artificial materials with artist media to draw attention to the impact plastics have on our environment.

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## **Faith Formation**

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

## Children, Youth, and Family

#### Children in worship

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

#### **Summer Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School takes place in June and July at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

## "Jesus' Parables" This Morning

Our class on Jesus' parables, led by Associate Pastor Matt Helms, concludes today at 11:15 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom (at bit.ly/adultedzoom).

## **Bible Studies via Zoom**

#### **Men's Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study—which focuses on recent or upcoming scripture readings from the pulpit—welcomes new participants to join them for their weekly gathering via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

#### **Women's Summer Bible Study**

Women's Summer Bible Studies meet via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, with the next study on Wednesday, July 9, at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The noon gathering is studying the *Horizons* Bible Study "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles" by Associate Pastor Nancy Benson-Nicol.

The evening gathering is studying the Sunday lectionary readings, with passages from the Old Testament, Psalms, a non-Gospel New Testament book, and a Gospel.

For Zoom details for either group, contact Katie Patterson (kpatterson@fourthchurch.org).

## **April Ajoy to Speak July 20**

On Sunday, July 20, Matt Helms will talk with April Ajoy about her book *Star-Spangled Jesus: Leaving Christian Nationalism and Finding a True Faith* during an 11:00 a.m. Adult Education class in Borwell Dining Room; register at bit.ly/aprilajoy20257

## **Prayer**

#### **Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons**

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

#### **Wednesday Morning Prayer**

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to remember in prayer members of the congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

#### **Prayer requests**

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org).

## **Resources for Reflection**

#### **Daily devotions**

We invite you to use our daily devotions for your personal reflection. To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions, Facebook, and Instagram.

#### "Rhythm and Word" videos and podcast

Each week we share a five-minute video and podcast reflection by one of the pastors. Sign up at bit.ly/ rhythmandword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

# Calendar for June 29-July 5, 2025

Sunday June 29	All day 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Senior High Mission Trip
<b>Monday</b> June 30	All day 8:30 a.m.	Senior High Mission Trip Fourth Church Chicago Lights Summer Day Fifth Floor
Tuesday	All day	Senior High Mission Trip Fourth Church
July 1	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b> July 2	All day 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Senior High Mission Trip Fourth Church Men's Faith Study Offsite Chicago Lights Summer Day Fifth Floor Morning Prayer Zoom SSC: Drop-In Program Morse Lounge Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00) Buchanan Chapel
<b>Thursday</b> July 3	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Chicago Lights Summer Day Fifth Floor  Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making Parish House Kitchen  SSC: Drop-In Program Morse Lounge  Meals Ministry Bag Lunch Anderson Hall  AA Meeting Room 4F  Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00)

Friday, July 4 • Fourth of July • Church Offices and Campus Closed

(No programming is scheduled for Saturday, July 5)

**Sunday, July 6 •** 10:00 a.m. • Rocky Supinger preaching

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